



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 19, 2007

TO: South Carolina School Nurses

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SUBJECT: **SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

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**Note: Students entering Early Childhood Development, kindergarten, or first grade programs should have a comprehensive health assessment performed by the student's health care provider, a comprehensive eye examination by an eye doctor, and a comprehensive dental examination by a dentist within the 12 months prior to enrollment in school for the first time.**

### **Vision:**

- 1) All students in Early Childhood Development\* or Head Start\* programs preferably within 2 months of enrollment unless the program guidelines specify otherwise
- 2) All students in grades K\*, 1\*, 3\*, 5\*, 7\*, 9\* and 11
- 3) All new registrants unless health record accompanying student includes evidence of student having passed a previous vision screening
- 4) Additional populations to be screened:
  - a) Students who are repeating a grade
  - b) Students who are referred for or placed in special education programs\*
  - c) Students who were absent during a previously scheduled vision screening
  - d) Students referred for vision screening by a teacher or parent\*

### **Hearing:**

- 1) All students in Early Childhood Development\* or Head Start\* programs preferably within 2 months of enrollment unless the program guidelines specify otherwise
- 2) All students in grades K\*, 1\*, 2, 3, 7 and 11
- 3) All new registrants unless health record accompanying student includes evidence of student having passed a previous hearing screening
- 4) Additional populations to be screened:
  - a) Students who are repeating a grade
  - b) Students who are referred for or placed in special education programs\*
  - c) Students who were absent during a previously scheduled hearing screening
  - d) Students referred for hearing screening by a teacher or parent\*
  - e) Students known to have a history of frequent ear infections
  - f) Students with a history of exposure to excessive noise levels (e.g., students enrolled in classes with high noise levels should be screened annually while enrolled in such classes)
  - g) Students who display chronic patterns of "not paying attention" or "defiance"

### **Dental:**

- 1) All students in Early Childhood Development\* or Head Start\* programs preferably within 2 months of enrollment unless the program guidelines specify otherwise
- 2) All students in grades K\*, 1\*, 3\*, 7 and 10
- 3) All new registrants unless health record accompanying student includes evidence of student having passed a previous dental screening
- 4) Additional populations to be screened:
  - a) Students who were absent during a previously scheduled dental screening

- b) Students referred for dental screening by a teacher or parent\*

**Scoliosis:**

- 1) All students in grades 6
- 2) Additional populations to be screened:
  - a) Students who were absent during a previously scheduled scoliosis screening
  - b) Students referred for scoliosis screening by a teacher or parent\*

**Blood Pressure:**

- 1) All students in grades 8 and 11\*
- 2) Additional populations to be screened:
  - a) Students who are absent during a previously scheduled blood pressure screening
  - b) Students referred for a blood pressure screening by a teacher or parent\*

**Body Mass Index (BMI):**

- 1) All students in grades 3, 5, 8, and at least once in grades 9 –12
- 2) Additional populations to be screened:
  - a) Students who were absent during a previously scheduled BMI screening
  - b) Students referred for a BMI screening by a teacher or parent\*

\* Indicates priority if unable to screen all of the state recommended grade levels or priority screening for special populations.